The Lord giveth the word, the women that publish the tidings are a great host.—Ps. 68:11, R. V.

Only like souls I see the folk thereunder,
Bound who should conquer, slaves who should be kings;
Sadly contented with a show of things.

Then with a rush the intolerable craving
Shivers throughout me like a trumpet's call;
Oh, to save these! To perish for their saving,
Die for their life, be offered for them all. —Myers.

THE HINDUS

COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

NOTWITHSTANDING many depressing influences, the ties of family life are strong in India, perhaps the most hopeful fact in the problem of uplifting the people. The mother of sons enjoys a species of honor and respect, and a mother-in-law rules her sons’ wives with despotic authority. The married women, while held as servile inferiors to their husbands, are gentle, retiring, and not devoid of personal beauty; patience and tenderness are chief characteristics, and the love of children amounts in many cases to a passion; while, on the other hand, instances of most unnatural cruelty are not uncommon. In the gentler features of Hindu womanhood above mentioned dwell the promise and potency of a noble future for the race; but there are social conditions which stand like an almost insurmountable barrier between actual conditions and such a consummation. For women of moral and intellectual excellence are exceptions, and until Asiatic women, whether Hindu or Moslem, are elevated and educated, all efforts to raise Asiatic nations to the level of Anglo-Saxon will remain fruitless.

Of the average Hindu woman it can be truly said: her birth is unwelcome, her physical life is outraged, her mental life is stunted, her spiritual life is denied existence. Female infanticide, while no longer openly committed, is known to be still practiced on a wide scale, especially among the Rajputs, who are too proud to make inferior alliances for their daughters, or too poor to provide several with the necessary dowry which extravagant custom has fixed, and therefore quietly put superfluous girl babies out of the way.

FAMILY LIFE

The “joint-family system” of India is a dangerous one to family peace; jealousy and hatred, discord and deceit, rule. Family feuds and litigations are everyday occurrences. The Hindu family is an incoherent and cumbersome mass. Upon the children are concentrated the power of evil example and every aspect of domestic unhappiness. A sad feature of home life is the prurient precocity of children, who begin their vile lan-

guage in their infant prattle, and grow old in pollution while young in years. “The child’s life is full of misery. The indecent speech of the home is one of its darkest features. Worse than all is the woeful Indian childhood which befalls the opening mind when, led by their mothers to the Indian temple, their eyes are met with sights, their ears assailed with songs, of such loathsome import, that innocence may not sustain the strain, and the child mind perishes in that awful hour.”

The average Indian mother never thinks of paying attention to the moral or mental development of her little children, while, as they usually go unclad and often unwashed, her cares for their physical life are simple. The lack of sanitary knowledge involves habits of life filthy beyond description.

Polygamy is not common among the lower class of Hindus, although permitted to the Brahman, and to all if the wife fails to bear a son after seven years. Among Mohammedans it is prevalent, while open concubinage is common to all classes in India. The widespread ignorance of Indian women is evidenced by statistics which show that in 1897 there were but six women out of every thousand who could read or write. If the women above twenty-five years of age are reckoned, we find that the percentage of illiterates is ninety-nine and one-half, indicating that female education is confined to this generation.

CHILD MARRIAGE

At the foundation of all the wrongs to Indian womanhood lies the practice of enforced child-marriage, with its concomitant of child-widowhood.

The custom of child-marriage is at least five hundred years older than the Christian era, and doubtless sprang from the belief that a man had no claim to the funeral ceremonial rites of his religion unless he was the father of a son, and that for an unmarried woman there was no salvation. Little girls are betrothed in their cradles, or at the age of three or four, to boys a little older, of whom they know nothing, until, at the age of seven or eight, and from that up to twelve as the maximum, they are claimed as wives, and conducted to the homes of their husbands.

Motherhood at the age of ten or twelve is not infrequent, and many grandmothers are but twenty-five. Thus Hindu custom ordains that the women of India shall bear children while they are still children themselves, and a stunted, degenerate, and ill-developed race is the inevitable result.

—Lux Christi.
LETTERS FROM INDIA

From W. I. Edwards
VELACHERI VIA ADYAR CHINGLEPUT, 1
DIST. INDIA, APRIL 11, 1905.

DEAR SISTER TAYLOR:

YOURS of February 13th, 14th and 20th, also of March 8th to hand in due order. As to the Boys Orphanage and Bungalow we are trying to enlarge the area of our grounds here before building. I have a good, and what I believe to be a practical working plan for our boys orphanage, but I have not yet set to work on plans for a bungalow. At present I am pushing some very necessary alterations in connection with the house I am now living in. I must have these alterations made soon. Then next we must enlarge the shed (a pundal) in which we are doing our carpentering and must fix up so that we can do some blacksmithing also. These two things are now under way and cannot be stopped without seriously crippling our present arrangements. We are not at all satisfied with the present plant for raising water to irrigate our ground. We are forced to put in a more satisfactory appliance to take the place of the covalai we are using now. Our well is also running somewhat short of water and the hottest weather is still to come. We are considering whether or not it would be best to spend any money in drilling a large hole in the bottom of the well, as is frequently done at home to increase the flow of water. We will also try to get the orphanage and bungalow under way as soon as we can get the additional space that we need. I am not at all worried about my health, nor a rest at the hills.

Yes, drilling, and the blue material such as is used for men’s overalls will work very well to make trousers of for our boys. But it might be well to continue to send some of the stronger fabrics that you have used heretofore. In my opinion the trousers ought to be made to be used with suspenders and the suspenders should be sewed on. I don’t at all approve of the way the boys tighten up the belt strings in the belts of their trousers. The present patterns also are disposed to make a bagging appearance about the hips. The shirts could be sent made of the same fabrics as before paying attention to choose that which will not split and tear easily. In my estimation it would not be a bad plan to furnish our boys with a strong and durable sewing machine and let them make clothing for themselves. One of our best boys has been begging for several months for the place of a crown, with the letters W. I. F. M. on black enamel. Price 30 cents. We can order them in gold plate for 50 cents.

REPORT OF A. Y. VEDANTACHARI

FOR MARCH 1905.

1. Examined the girls of the Junior orphanage in scripture, etc., three times in the month.
2. Examined Velacheri caste and non-caste schools twice during the month.
3. Jalladampet caste and cheri schools twice during the month.
4. Visited the new school at Perumbakkam (in course of construction) twice.
5. Examined Adyar school twice during the month.
6. Examined Kiruvamur school twice during the month.
7. Egmore school once during the month.
8. Jalladampet cheri night school once during the month.
9. Kiruvamur night school once during the month.

Translated Old Testament history for two days in the month.

Preached to Lal Sing of Saidapet in the railway train and to passengers, exhorting them to repentance, as the Great King was coming. He said that no Christian or minister who is called a missionary ever spoke to him about this great event.

To about 18 persons, all laborers, at Alandur, about “Second Advent of Christ.” At Pallekaram (where Jalladampet caste school is), I preached to a Brahmin (Chimachu) who said like Felix of old.

At Naraganapuram, a village near our caste school at Jalladampet, I preached in the evening to 15 men, 5 women, 14 boys and 17 girls, besides the women who were standing at their doorposts, “Be ready to meet the Lord who is coming.” In the night at Jalladampet to 10 men and 14 boys.

Preached to Sounevasau on my way home. Pray for this young man.

At Kiruvamur to Chadachi, a woman of about 85 years old, and her granddaughter, about “What think ye of Christ.” “He is coming.”

At Velacheri caste village to nine men, two women, three big girls and seventeen boys for one and one-quarter hours. They heard the word very attentively, “What led to my conversion and how ready I am to meet the Lord.”

I preached about the borders of Pallekaranei in the morning, in the noon to travelers. The travelers, who were encamped in a grove, said that they considered themselves to be blessed to hear such good news of a crucified Christ coming again.

Oh, they said, what a terrible thing it would be for them if they are found in the shade in which the Kingdom of God is near at hand.” On the whole, 106 men, 9 women, 14 boys and 17 girls, besides the women who were standing at their doorposts, “Be ready to meet the Lord who is coming.”

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Third Sunday to the girls and teachers in the Junior orphanage. Mathew 11:28. At Jalladampet to the Brahmins about the second advent. One of them who heard became very uncomfortable when he heard “The Kingdom of God is near at hand.” On the whole, 106 men, 25 women, 38 boys and 25 girls heard the word, besides the boys and girls and teachers of our schools. Pray for them and for me that the Lord may fill me with His power and with His holy spirit.
LETTER FROM INDIA

From Miss Saunders

Advent Mission, Gundy, Madras, April 17, 1905.

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

I am sending this week the first monthly report of Mr. Vedantacherie, our evangelist and school superintendent. I know that it will interest you, and may be of interest to the readers of "All Nations."

You will be glad to hear that we have taken pictures of all our boys and girls and are now ready to send one to each adoptant. We took the pictures in groups of four and five. I will send you a sample this week, and a little later you will have the whole number with some others that I hope will please you. Mrs. Allan wishes me to ask if she can have sent in the next box plenty of patchwork cut and basted. This will be very useful in her zenana work, also small pieces of print of about three-fourths or one yard.

Yes, we would like some old cloth for bandages. We constantly have to use these and now about everything we have has been used, so what you send will come very acceptable. Our supply of soap is getting very low. I hope the next box will bring us a good lot. For the clothes, we have a good stock of mother hubbard dresses and a fairly good supply of skirts, but need jackets for the girls, and white cloth for thavani's, about all of the cheese cloth that was sent is gone, it does not last very long with the hard usage it gets here. Of course you understand that we are constantly using thread, needles, etc., and fresh supplies always go directly to our hearts.

We expect to have a baptismal service next Sunday, when two of our school teachers and one of Mr. Edwards' boys will be baptized.

The rain still holds off and the outlook for the poor people is very bad. The government will do all that it can to give employment to these people but even then there will remain plenty for us to do if the rain does not come soon. It is very pitiful to look upon the barren fields and think of all the suffering it means to the people. Every month now, we get less rice for the rupee and all other provisions are dearer. The rain still holds off and the outlook for the poor people is very bad. The government will do all that it can to give employment to these people but even then there will remain plenty for us to do if the rain does not come soon. It is very pitiful to look upon the barren fields and think of all the suffering it means to the people. Every month now, we get less rice for the rupee and all other provisions are dearer.

There is an old woman here who came to us more than a month ago. We let her stay for a few days and then told her we had nothing for her to do and she had better look somewhere else for work. She simply would not go, and we did not have the heart to send her away after she begged so hard to stay. She now goes about as happy as ever hard and then told her we had nothing for her to do and she had better look somewhere else for work. She simply would not go, and we did not have the heart to send her away after she begged so hard to stay. She now goes about as happy as ever. She gets her food and last month I gave her one rupee. I think when my babies' home materializes she will work in very well to help look after the babies. Did I tell you that there are now three babies waiting to come to us? We are hoping to have a place for them soon. We are now looking at a little piece of land with a small house on it, and if we can buy, it will save us building and give us a place right away. I think I told you in my last letter that government had given us a grant of 1,000 rupees on our orphanage and you said sometime ago, that whatever grant we got I could have for a babies' home. I am making haste to secure that home.

Miss Spence has been gone three weeks today and must now be nearing the shores of England. We have not heard from her yet but hope to by the next mail. I am glad to see by the home papers that there is interest taken in the revival that seems to have started. I hope this revival may be world wide and that it may come to us here in India. We need as much as anybody. We are all very well, and send love and Christian greeting to our co-workers. Yours in His service,

J. M. Saunders.

GOD'S FINANCIAL METHOD

A six-page leaflet on tithing. This should be widely circulated. Price 5 cents a dozen, 50 cents a hundred.

BUTTONS

Buttons with the last command of Jesus, "Go Teach All Nations." Every Adventist child should wear one of these buttons. Price 3 cents, two for 5 cents, 25 cents a dozen.

CHILD WIVES AND WIDOWS OF INDIA

A booklet which deals with the awful condition of women in India. The problem of child marriage, condition of India's widows, the hopelessness and helplessness of all girls outside of Christianity, are set before us in a clear, concise, and intense interesting manner. All adult Christians should read this book. Price 10 cents, $1.16 for 20, postpaid.

ORPHANAGE CARDS

We will freely furnish these to all who wish to raise money for our new orphanage.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath the sum of $1,000 on our orphanage and you said sometime ago, that whatever grant we got I could have for a babies' home. I am making haste to secure that home.

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A weekly paper published at Oakland, Cal., every Wednesday, edited by W. R. Young, heralding the coming of our Lord, and exhorting to holy living. Eight four-column pages. Subscription, $1.50; to new subscribers $1.00.

THE DAY DAWN

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Rockland, Maine, June, 1905.

MISS SPENCE

We expect Miss Spence will arrive in New York the morning of the 5th of June. She will rest from her sea voyage a few days in Brooklyn and if the Lord will, will proceed from there to the Catskills to attend a conference, and from thence to the Beebe Plain camping meeting. Further arrangements are not completed. Pray for her as she takes up this work that she may be filled with the power of God.

We hope Mrs. Taylor will accompany her a part of the time at least.

We do not think it wise for Miss Spence, a young woman, wholly unaccustomed to American ways of travelling to be sent alone to the churches in our land. So much of her strength would be spent in the care of meeting her appointments that when she reached them she would be unable to do her best work. She not being strong and robust, and meeting an entire change of climate, will need to be relieved all she possibly can in order to do the work which needs to be done.

Mrs. Taylor has, more than once, in travelling, failed to make connections and had to wait many hours, not less than nine in one case, when she could not reach her destination until late at night. Such cases not infrequently happen in long journeys and it could not fail to have unpleasant results upon a frail woman, alone in a strange country and unacquainted with everything about her. She would probably be unfit for public speaking when she reached her destination after a few such experiences.

We are praying for the Lord to direct and we earnestly solicit your prayers. We have the good of the Society at heart and wish to be very judicious in all our arrangements.

LENA N. BRADFORD.

NOTICE

Please do not forget the Sales Table at Alton Bay this summer, during the two weeks of camping. Last year it proved successful as we cleared $50 from the sales. There are many who cannot contribute much money toward carrying on this work for God but yet could make some useful article that could be sold and the money devoted for that purpose. We do not sell on commission, or return goods that are not sold, neither do we pay express or freight charges on parcels sent there for sale. These donations must be gratuitous in every respect so that the entire amount received for same goes into the mission work.

L. N. B.

Our readers will kindly pardon I am sure, the delay of the paper this month occasioned by the sudden illness and death of the editor's only sister which occurred in Rhode Island the 10th of May.

L. N. B.

$300 IF

A friend of the editor writes: "Do you think your society would unite to raise, by the first of September, the $3000 necessary to build the Boy's Orphanage if I would give $300 toward it?" We have written her that we will make the attempt if she will make the proposition.

GOOD NEWS

All our readers have been anxious to know whether our beloved missionary, Miss Saunders, met with the loss of friends in the great fire at Brockton, Mass. Mrs. Osborne wrote to Miss Bradford:

You said in your letter you had heard of our dreadful fire in Brockton. Yes, Sister Jess Saunders had two sisters working in the factory at the time, Lois and Eva. Lois walked out unhurt, while Eva escaped unhurt as by a miracle. She saw the floor divide between her and her next associate at work and saw her go down never to be seen alive again, while, she, crawling on her hands and knees for a while, gained footing and went down the stairs all right and to safety.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Quebec and Northern Vermont W. H. & F. M. S. will be held at Beebe Plain Campground, Thursday, June 22, 1905. Each local which cannot be represented by delegates at the annual meeting is requested to send an annual report to the Secretary, Miss Carrie Weed, Morrisville, Vt.

Contributions of fancy and useful articles are solicited for the W. H. & F. M. sales counter at Beebe campground. They must be sent to Beebe without expense to the Society. They will not be sold on commission or returned. Any articles not sold at Beebe will be sent to the W. H. & F. M. sales counter at Magog campground.

MAUDE MARSH CHADSKY, Pres.
CARRIE WEA P, Sec.

NEW LOCAL

PAWTUCKET, R. I.
Organized April 18, 1905, with seven active members.
President—Mrs. Carrie E. Worcester, 62 Cole St., Pawtucket.
Vice President—Mrs. Hicks.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Eta Benoit, 170 Fountain St., Pawtucket, R. I.

IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

S. S. AVOCA, April 17, 1905.
MY DEAREST MRS. TAYLOR:

We left Port Said yesterday, Sunday, and I think it was the gayest day we have had on board.
It took ones whole time to remember that it was Sunday, but being in port this was not recognized at all. We coaled all day and then the music singers came on board and jugglers of various sorts and hawkers with all their wares.

Almost everybody went ashore and I had rather a quiet time on deck. We have made four halts since we left having called at Trincomalee, Colombo, Aden and Port Said. At Trincomalee we loaded gunpowder and various combustible articles so you see we are dangerous to other vessels and have to keep at a respectable distance every time. Many here say that if they had known we were going to load gunpowder they would never have taken their passages in this boat! This is rather an old vessel. I daresay the firstclass have a good time but they make the second saloon people feel that they are second-class passengers and grudge giving us anything or doing anything for our comfort. I started with having seven in our cabin but we dropped two at Colombo so we are now five and we have to dress by turns for the cabins are so small. We have 17 children on board—all such romping, noisy children. I can’t help comparing them to our sweet obliging boys and girls in Guindy.

April 20.
Near Corsica and Sardinia and one day’s run from Marseilles. Since writing the last I have not been able to do much. We have all been terribly seasick and I have had a good portion of it. We had it very rough and stormy and just now we are having a bleak, heavy shower, consequently the whole of the second saloon passengers with all the children are down in the saloon and it is a perfect Babel of voices, music, singing, dancing, crying, etc., etc. The boat has been pitching so much that at times the propeller has been suspended in the air instead of being in the water and the vibration caused by this motion was almost like an earthquake.

The last news I had from India was on the 30th March. I am trying to have some news of all that is going on. I do hope I shall have some news of you when I arrive in London.

We hope to get to London by the end of this month between the 28th and 30th. I have had a long sea voyage and it has been quite as long as I want it to be. Life on board ship grows very monotonous after a time. I cannot get a quiet corner for study or reading of any kind. I have not engaged my passage to New York yet but shall do so as soon as I possibly can after my arrival in England.

I hope you are having good times in America and that my coming there will be for the good of the cause and the good of mission work in general. I feel more and more every day that I am very weak and that if I am to be used God must use me.

Pray much, that I might be filled with His Spirit, and for the work in India. I shall write to you as soon as I decide when I am to leave or if you have decided this I will act as you advise.

With lots of love, I am,

Yours very lovingly,

Alice G. Spence.
LETTERS FROM INDIA
From E. Dora Allan
Guindy, India, Mar. 29, 1905.

My Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Dear Alice left us on Monday and we have scarcely recovered from her good-bye. The last fortnight would vie with even Christmas week in work and excitement. What with people coming and going and Alice receiving valedictory addresses and grand ovations, to say nothing of the business that conspired to turn up at this time, our heads are nearly broken as well as our hearts. But it is all over now, and well over, and we are settling down again quickly.

You will all be pleased to hear that we are having all our girls and boys photographed in groups of four or five to send to their adopters in America. By grouping them so a great saving is effected while each child will stand out clearly enough to be appreciated by his or her friends. How the children enjoy being photographed, and how many little traits come out as they pose for their picture! One of our bigger girls would hold some flowers in her hand though she was told she would be better without them.

Alice has taken with her a beautiful set of slides to show in America and we are making more.

Mr. Edwards and Miss Saunders have answered the letters you forwarded to us from adopters making inquiries about their boys and girls, and they have asked that their letters be sent on to you if there was anything in them that might be thought interesting for "All Nations Monthly."

We are opening two new schools in two villages hitherto untouched. What a boon these schools appear to be to these villages!

Our zenana work is getting nicely organized, and it is gratifying to note that where the women have spurned our visits they now look forward to them. One woman surprised me by asking me to teach her young sister the Ten Commandments, and none object to my reading and explaining Scripture to them. One of my favorites is a widow of sixty-five, who had never been in a church in her life though she was told she would enjoy coming.

We were all very much refreshed last week by a visit of a few days from my dear father, and now my mother is here. She was naturally anxious to see the last of Alice and remains for a few days to comfort poor Miss Saunders who feels Alice’s loss keenly.

We are sending you a picture of us three—Alice, Miss Saunders and I—taken only a fortnight ago. Yours very sincerely,

E. Dora Allan.
FROM ALL NATIONS

The Lord's Prayer, dating probably from the fourth century, has been found on a clay shard in Greece.

China is now paying eighteen millions of dollars per year, and must continue to do so for the next forty years, for her disastrous attack on foreigners.

Very few Bibles were saved in North China, for to be found with one meant death. Hence there is a mission for Bibles in that region.

The second port of Siam's first state railroad, which has been in process of construction for eight years, has now been opened for business.

The two high towers of the Methodist Episcopal church, so prominent a feature in a view of Yokohama, have had to be taken down, the prevalence of earthquakes making them a menace.

Protestant Christians advanced 64 per cent 1891-1901, according to the India census, and yet the present Christian community of India represents but one per cent of the entire population.

A Bible Training school, for Bible women and others, has been opened in connection with the Deaconess Home in Singapore. The teaching at present is only in Chinese, but Malay will be added later. Miss Sophia Blackmore is in charge.

India is not the only country in which the re-marriage of widows is attended with difficulty. Among the Hottentots, before re-marrying, a widow must cut off the joint of a finger and present it to her new husband on the wedding day.

The oldest newspaper in the world is the official Chinese Kin Pan, which was founded about eleven years ago. Up to the year 1901 it appeared once a month and the reading matter related chiefly to court life. From 1870 to 1876 it was a daily. It now appears three times a day.

France is building a railroad in Madagascar to Antananarivo, "the eyrie of the Hovas," and another in Africa which will open up the Sahara to commerce.

Dr. S. I. Curtiss, of Syria, writes: "All classes in Syria and Palestine are now reached by the Gospel. If it were not for the loss of civil rights and the great dangers sometimes incurred, the profession of evangelical Christianity would be by hundreds, rather than by units as at present. Even among the Jews a loss of civil rights and the great dangers sometimes incurred, preaching is prohibited by law, and as halls and theatres cannot be secured for evangelistic work, the missionary is much hampered.

The Review of Missions says that "A Chinese Christian boy in one of the Swatow schools, by repeating at home the Gospel truths learned at school, has been the means of leading his father, mother, and grandmother to become seekers after God."

The Tibetan Mission Band, under the leadership of Mr. C. Polhill-Turner, now laboring on the Chinese frontier of Tibet, occupies the two important stations of Songgaw and Dachienlo, and will soon open stations at Batang and Atentze. The mission finds many opportunities of working among the Tibetans.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From Apr. 15, to May 15, 1905.

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MONEY RECEIVED

From April 15, to May 15, 1905

Alabama—F. Pillington $5.70.
Arizona—Mrs. R. J. Edwards $1.
Connecticut—Mrs. C. A. Ingersoll $1, Hartford local $12.10, Cradle Roll fees, Hartford $40c, Jennie H. Thomas $6, M. A. Haystead $1, Putnam local $2, Mrs. John Underwood $12.10.
District Columbia—Mrs. R. E. Stephenson $5.
Florida—Live Oak local $31.
Iowa—Hannah McCulloch $25.
Maine—Raymond local $5, Lavina French $1, Carrie C. Hanson $75c, W. S. Moulton $1.75, Old Orchard local $3.50, birthday offering of the A. C. S., Bridgton $2, Mrs. and Mrs. McClaster $2, Laura A. Prior $20c, S. K. T. 6, Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Brewe $2, E. W. Bradford $1, Johanna Nilsson $15, L. Jennie Brown $1, Grace Ellis $5.
Massachusetts—Cora E. Bates $1, A. D. Dinsmore $10, Forest L. White $5, Mrs. M. D. Frost $5, Mrs. G. R. Tyzer $1, E. C. Noble $15, Brockton local $1.50, M. E. Wade $1.
Michigan—George Roberts $1.85, Mrs. O. Hibbard $1.
Minnesota—J. Ridley $1.
Nebraska—Mrs. William Gibson $1.60.
New Hampshire—Alice M. Goodwin $5, Mrs. L. P. Hart $2.
New Jersey—Carrie A. Martin $2.
New York—Buffalo local $1.50, Primary Dept., Buffalo $3.85, B. M. Van Dyke $1, M. L. Dowell $3.50, Naomi King $50.
North Carolina—Preston Cumming $10.
Ontario—Toronto local $1.50.
Oregon—Angeline Devine $22, Portland local for Bangalore School $2, John Day local for Bangalore School $1, John Day local $3.75.
Pennsylvania—Geneva local $5.10, Luceil Darrow $2.
Rhode Island—Inasmuch Mission Society Providence $10.
Cradle Roll membership fees $20c, Elia F. Langworthy $1.50,
Providence local $4, Mrs. John Jewell $5, Pawtucket local $2.
Tennessee—Mrs. R. F. Snow $3.70.
Connecticut—Mrs. C. A. Ingersoll $1, Hartford local $12.10, Cradle Roll fees, Hartford $40c, Jennie H. Thomas $6, M. A. Haystead $1, Putnam local $2, Mrs. John Underwood $12.10.
District Columbia—Mrs. R. E. Stephenson $5.
Florida—Live Oak local $31.
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THE SACRED TANK IN THE MADURA TEMPLE

On the steps are the pilgrims come to pay their homage and to be cleansed from all sins.

BEN AND THE LITTLE VOICE

Little Ben ran in from school smiling brightly. "Why, my dear, you look very happy," said his mother.

"Well, mother, I've heard a regular fright, and now that is over I do feel happy indeed."

"Had a fight? I'm sorry to hear you say that."

"Well, the other boys stopped on the way home to pick some of Farmer Adams' apples. I stopped too, and as we were climbing over the fence something said to me, 'Don't do it.' I looked around but could see no one. The voice was so small that it seemed like a little girl's voice.

"Then I heard quite a loud voice say 'Oh, go on, he has plenty of apples.' "It is wrong," said the little voice again. 'Oh it will not hurt any one, and the other boys are going; said the loud voice.'

"But the little voice said softly 'It will hurt you, Ben; don't do it.'"

Then I jumped and ran home, and I have not been able to do anything but smile ever since." When little Ben jumped down from that fence, Jesus smiled upon him. No wonder Ben smiled too. Look out children for he would do when he was rich.

PENNIES, OR PROMISES

"If I had heaps of yellow corn
And fields of waving wheat,
I'd quickly send a cargo where
They've not enough to eat:
I'd load a ship myself alone,
With grain of every kind,
And make my harvest offering
The best that I could find.
Or, if I had just money, why,
That, too, would do much good;
For it should go to India
To buy the children food."

'Twas little Rob who said these words
So generous and so bold;
What he would do when he was rich
He very often told;
But, oh, this same dear little boy,
When he had dimes to spend,
Bought something for himself alone,
Had none to give or lend.
But truly now, if Rob expects
To be a generous man,
He'd better practice when he's small
By giving what he can.

—Children's Missionary Friend.

SPRING

How beautiful Spring is with every tree and shrub putting on their new garb of green, every blade of grass and tiny flower lifting their little heads saying over and over that summer is near and every little songster filling the air with praises to God. It seems that nature itself speaks in loud voices of infinite power and love; and indeed how near is God to nature's very heart.

As we look around us at such a wonderful display of beauty we can almost make ourselves believe that we were living in a garden of Eden, that winter had taken with her all suffering and sorrow and left Spring with only gladness and happiness. But, my dear children this is not so; while we may be favored with health and only pleasant surroundings and while this happy springtime speaks to us of all that is beautiful there are many who are unable to enjoy its beauties and at this very moment are deprived of living in the warm sunshine and seeing the new green dress that the earth has put on. Yes, there are many, "many" who are confined within walls and compelled to lie on narrow cots and look only on the faces of those suffering like as they are; indeed they too would love the sunshine and the nodding flowers if they were but able to get out of doors.

And now I wonder children if after telling you of these unfortunate ones you have not already guessed what I would like you to do. And I wonder too if in all my band of little ones there are not some who would be willing, yea, anxious, to gather the flowers and take them to some sick one.

It seems to me this is just a splendid work for the Juniors this May time and especially for those who may be able to visit the hospitals.

Let me suggest that your very next meeting be given up to this work. Surely all of us live somewhere near the wild flowers and how pleased would be our Father to see His little ones gathering these silent little messengers that His loving hand has placed here for us, and to carry them to those who are unable to share with us the joy that comes with the Springtime.

—Westminster Quarterly.

THE LITTLE BROTHER

Though black the hand, red, brown or white,
All hearts are just the same;
Each one is precious in His sight,
Each one He calls by name.

And those who hear in every land
With loyal hearts and true,
Will grasp some little brother's hand
And lead him onward, too.

—Mme. N. M. Waterbury.

CRADLE ROLL

Marion Elizabeth Herron, Oct. 27, 1893, Hartford, Conn.